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REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 1-5, 11, and 18-22 have been withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.


Applicants have provisionally elected the subject matter of Group IV, which is drawn to polypeptide vaccine compositions. It is noted that claim 6 recites an embodiment in which the polypeptide vaccine composition may further contain nucleic acid compositions. However, this embodiment does not appear in any of the groups listed in the restriction requirement.

Applicants submit that the provisionally elected group should also encompass embodiments in which the polypeptide vaccine compositions further contain a nucleic acid molecule.

For this reason, applicants submit that claim 14, which depends from claim 6, and claim 15 which depends from claim 14, should be included in the elected group.

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